



Marine Corps League
Rocky Mountain Division

Associate Member of the Year Society

Guidelines, Procedures and Eligibility



Submission of Nominee:

- ❖ Any Member in “Good Standing” may nominate any Associate Member in Good Standing for Division Associate Member of the Year. The nomination must be submitted to the Associate Member of the Year Committee. The committee is comprised of all previous Division Associate Member of the Year award recipients at the Rocky Mountain Division Conference. Nominations must be received to the Chairperson as described by the “Award Guidelines” prior to the opening of the Rocky Mountain Division Conference.

Selection:

- ❖ All nominations will be reviewed by the committee Members. Upon completion of the review, each member will cast a ballot for the nominee who best meets the criteria in the opinion of the member. If a majority is achieved, the Associate Member of the Year is selected. If a majority is not achieved on the first ballot, a second ballot will be taken between the two (2) candidates who received the most votes in the first ballot. The successful nominee will thus be selected. If no nominations are received or those nominations received do not show that the nominee has “gone above and beyond” what is expected of a member, the society may, by a unanimous vote, not make an award for that year.

Confidentiality:

- ❖ No member shall reveal the name of the successful nominee to anyone prior to the Announcement/Presentation at the banquet concluding the Rocky Mountain Division Conference, at which time the Associate Member of the Year will be introduced. Other Nominees, those not selected are not named and nomination letters are discarded.

Award:

- ❖ The Rocky Mountain Division Associate Member of the Year Committee shall have the sole discretion of the type of award that will be presented at the banquet of the Rocky Mountain Division Conference. The Chairperson is responsible for having the chosen award, as set forth by the committee, at the banquet for presentation. A certificate may be presented with the assistance of the Rocky Mountain Division Awards Chairperson (if non-existent it shall be from the Division Vice Commandant).

Repeat Nominations:

- ❖ The committee can elect to respond to unsuccessful nominators with encouragement to resubmit their candidate for the following year.

Repeat Awards:

- ❖ An associate member may receive this award only once.

Turnover:

- ❖ It is the current chairperson's responsibility to present the new Associate Member of the Year with a folder containing these instructions and a list of past recipients and their addresses. The new chairperson shall advise all Marine Corps League Departments in the Rocky Mountain Division to submit their nominee, providing them with the eligibility requirements and submission guidelines and deadlines.

Publicity:

- ❖ The Junior Past Associate Member of the Year can release an appropriate press announcement to media sources in the new Associate Member of the Year's home area and in other areas where Marine Corps League Detachments exist. A color photo and caption should be forwarded to the National Marine Corps League's "Semper Fi" Magazine for publication also.

Side Notes:

- ❖ All Departments and Detachments must create their own Associate Member of the Year Award Society.

Associate Member of the Year

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- ❖ Any member in “Good Standing” may nominate any other “Associate Member in Good Standing” for Rocky Mountain Division Conference Associate Member of the Year. The nomination must be received by the Junior Past Associate Member of the Year as outlined in the “Award Guidelines” prior to the opening of the annual Rocky Mountain Division Conference **(It will not be accepted past the deadline)**

Eligibility

1. The Associate member is to be a Associate Member in good standing at the time of nomination who has never received the Rocky Mountain Division Associate Member of the Year Award; and have,
2. Demonstrated devotion to the principals and purposes of the U.S. Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League by activities and achievements within the Marine Corps League; and,
3. Achievements and activities in community, civic, fraternal, and social organizations which would enhance the posture of the U.S. Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League; and,
4. Hold or have held any Department or National appointed office or Committee Chairperson.
5. Must have received Department and Detachment Associate Member of the Year Award.

Guidelines

Detachment Level: Have involvement in detachment activities, e.g. attends meetings; participates in detachment functions; serves on a detachment committee, holds or held an appointed office; supports the Marine Corps League;

Community Outreach Service:

1. Is involved within the local community, e.g. volunteer’s time at VA;
2. V.A. Volunteer recognition and community and civic awards.
3. A scout leader or other youth activities; participates in the Toys for Tots program;
4. Participates as a member in other Veteran’s organizations (VFW, DAV, American Legion, etc.)
5. Works with other Veterans groups in the community, coordinating Veterans functions and recognition events.
6. Other community activities promoting or advocating patriotism, country, duty, and freedom. Participates in joint veterans activities (joint color guards, funeral details, etc.)

Department Level:

1. Department level involvement.
2. Officer (appointed), Committee Chair/member
3. Supports Department activities;

Prior Awards received:

- ❖ Prior awards received by nominee such as MCL Detachment, Department or National awards.

All Levels:

- ❖ Achievements can be cumulative, but current year activities should be stressed. The nominee for Associate Member of the Year should have involvement at all three levels. Overall service should show that the nominee has gone “above and beyond” what is expected of an average “good” member. The above guidelines are examples only and not hard requirements for the award.